

**2006 Town Meeting Warrant
Hudson, New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hudson, in the County of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2006 for the transaction of all business, other than voting by official ballot. This first session of the Annual Town Meeting shall consist of explanation, discussion and debate of each warrant article. Warrant articles may be amended at the first session, subject to the restrictions set forth in NH RSA 40:13, IV.

You are hereby further notified that the second session of the Annual Meeting shall be held at Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, to elect Town officers and to vote by official ballot on all articles set forth in this Warrant, as may be amended by act of the first session meeting.

Article 1 **Election of Town Officers**
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year.

Zoning Amendments

Article 2 **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**
Amend Article XIX, Growth Management, by amending existing § 334-115D(4) to provide that each application for discretionary certificates shall be specific to a subdivision or development irrespective of the individual filing the application. (Approved by the Planning Board)

Article 3 **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**
Amend Article XV, Enforcement and Miscellaneous Provisions, by amending §334-79 to provide for the award of attorneys fees to the Town for violations of the zoning ordinance. (Approved by the Planning Board)

Article 4 **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?**
Amend Article XIII A, Accessory Living Units, subsections §334-73.1, §334-73.2, §334-73.3 and §334.73.4. These Amendments will generally limit Accessory Living Units to one bedroom and not larger than 1,000 square feet along with other additional restrictions. (Approved by the Planning Board)

Selectmen's Articles

Article 5 **Combined Dispatch**
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,086,400 gross budget for the purpose of combining Police and Fire Dispatch and constructing certain improvements to the Police Station, and to authorize the use of \$1,086,400 from the 2005-2006 unencumbered budget surplus for this purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 (VI) and will not lapse until this project is completed, or by June 30, 2012. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 6 **Hudson Fire Fighters' Union Contract**
To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Fire Fighters' Union, IAFF Local 3154, which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
7/1/04 – 6/30/05	\$ 0
7/1/05 – 6/30/06	\$ 0
7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$67,179
7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$73,205
7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$72,863

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$67,179 for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 7 **Fact Finder's Report for Administrative & Support Union**
 To see if the Town will vote to implement the recommendations contained in the Fact Finder's Report in the matter of fact-finding between the Town of Hudson and the Hudson Administrative & Support Union Local 1801, dated November 7, 2005 which calls for the following increases in salary and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
7/1/06 – 6/30/07	\$38,526
7/1/07 – 6/30/08	\$42,540
7/1/08 – 6/30/09	\$34,647

and further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,526 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, said sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salary and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #10, the Operating Budget.) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 8 **Wage and Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector**
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,960 which represents a 4% increase in wages and benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 9 **Wage and Benefit Increase for Employees of Hills Memorial Library**
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,165 which represents a 3.5% increase in wages and benefits for employees of the Hills Memorial Library. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 10 **Operating Budget**
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$25,812,212. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$24,949,065 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 11 **Part-Time to Full-Time Appraisal Technician**
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,205, which represents the cost of wages and benefits to convert an existing part-time Appraisal Technician to full-time Appraisal Technician. The position will be tasked with a variety of property data collection tasks, as well as technical work in the administration of the Assessing Department. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 12 **Firefighters EMT-P**
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,819, which represents the cost of wages and benefits to hire four Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians—Paramedic Level. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 13 **Replacement Ambulance**
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 to purchase a new ambulance, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$120,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. This account was created for the purpose of purchasing new replacement ambulances for the Town and has been used to replace other units already. No funds are requested from general taxation, as there will be sufficient funds available in this account to make this purchase as of July 1, 2006. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Article 14 **GIS Capital Reserve Fund**
 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of future Geographical Information System (GIS) aerial flyovers, topographical updates and tax map updates to be known as the GIS Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be placed in said fund and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

- Article 15** **Capital Reserve for VacCon Truck Replacement**
 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a replacement VacCon Truck to be known as the VacCon Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed and to authorize the use/transfer of the 06/30/06 sewer fund balance (surplus) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for this purpose. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)
- Article 16** **Information Services Capital Reserve Fund**
 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of future procurement of Information Services equipment and/or technology to be known as the Information Services Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in said fund. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #10, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)
- Article 17** **Sewer Utility Capital Reserve Fund**
 To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Nashua Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund created at the 1995 Town Meeting to allow said fund to be used to purchase additional capacity at the Nashua Waste Treatment Plant and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend. (2/3 vote required.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)
- Article 18** **Water Utility Capital Improvements Capital Reserve Fund**
 To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend for the Water Utility Improvements Capital Reserve Fund created at the 2002 Town Meeting. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)
- Article 19** **Purchase Benson's Property – Referendum**
 To see if the Town will vote to continue pursuing the purchase of the property known as the Benson's Animal Farm. This article is advisory and seeks to advise the Selectmen if the voters want to continue efforts to purchase the property. The initial authorization to purchase and renovate the Benson property was approved by the voters at the March 13, 2001 Town Meeting. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

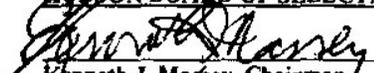
Petitioned Articles

- Article 20** **Wage and Benefit Increase for Non-Union Personnel**
 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,649 which represents a 3.5% increase in wages and benefits for the following nine non-union positions: Police Chief, Fire Chief, Town Administrator, Community Development Director, Road Agent, Finance Director, Recreation Director, Police Prosecutor and Executive Assistant. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEALS AT SAID HUDSON ON THE 23rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2006.

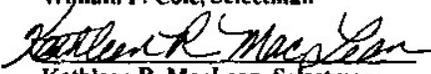
A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Kenneth J. Marsey, Chairman


Teresa Stewart, Vice-Chairman

William P. Cole, Selectman


Kathleen R. MacLean, Selectman

Richard J. Maddox, Selectman